



Speaker profiles

Global Leadership Summer School 2022

The Global Leadership Summer School took place in Oxford from 26th June 2022 to 1st July 2022. We welcomed an extraordinary group of 60 Masters and PhD students from the University of Oxford and invited 11 guest speakers from a wide range of sectors including academia, business, and public policy. They shared their insights, led various workshops, and engaged in dialogues with the students on character and leadership.



Madeline Hewitson

Madeline Hewitson is an early career researcher and holds a doctorate in art history from the University of York. Her research focuses on nineteenth-century British Orientalist visual culture and representations of the Holy Lands. Her current research project, supported by a Paul Mellon Centre Research Continuity Grant, investigates the unique role of the Old Testament in Victorian visual culture. She completed her BA, MA and PhD in the History of Art department at the University of York. During her MA she had a yearlong placement at the Hepworth Wakefield as part of a studentship. Her doctoral thesis, supervised by Professor Jason Edwards, explored the Near Eastern travels of Victorian artist and President of the Royal Academy Frederic Leighton. Madeline is also interested in public engagement and has organised several international conferences with partners such as York Art Gallery and Watts Gallery-Artists' Village. She also lectures for the heritage tourism group Travel Editions.



Isabella Mead

Isabella Mead is an experienced storyteller and creative writer with high energy and a passion for literature, art, and participative learning. Her career highlights include Head of Learning within cultural sectors, particularly The Story Museum in Oxford and the Roald Dahl Museum. She is a nationally recognised teacher training professional with 16 years' experience in teaching and training in Rwanda, Poland, and across the UK. She holds a First with Distinction for a BA in English Literature and History of Art, and Masters in History of Art fully funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Board, both from the University of York. Currently, she is the Head of Learning at the Story Museum in Oxford.



**Katy Granville-
Chapman**

Dr Katy Granville-Chapman is the co-founder of Global Social Leaders, the founder of the Wellington Leadership and Coaching Institute and a Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow at the University of Oxford Department of Education. Katy is a deputy head at Wellington College, an Associate Fellow of the Oxford Character Project, Senior Fellow of the Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University's Community of Practice, and Research Associate at the University of Oxford University Wellbeing Research Centre. Katy is the co-author with Emmie Bidston of 'Leader: Know, Love and Inspire Your People', which was Highly Commended and Runner up in the Leadership for the Future category of the Business Book Awards and was longlisted for the Chartered Management Institute's Management book of the year.



Ollie Cook

Ollie Cook is a World Champion and former Olympic rower who competed in the 2020 Tokyo Games. Currently, he is responsible for the design and delivery of the graduate training programme of the Oxford SDG Impact Lab. Ollie represented Team GB as a junior and at U23 level before becoming part of the senior squad in 2012. He won gold in the men's coxed pair at the 2016 World Rowing Championships.

In 2017, Ollie and his brother, Jamie, were part of the winning Blue Boat crew in the 2017 men's Boat Race before Ollie returned to full time training with the GB Rowing Team. He rowed in the bow seat of the men's eight at World Cup III in Lucerne and also the World Rowing Championships in Sarasota-Bradenton. In 2018, Ollie finished second at the GB Rowing Team Senior, U23 and FISU Trials in an impressive performance with teenage partner and World Junior champion Felix Drinkall.

He is a trustee of the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust, a charity that raises money to pay for disadvantaged children in Grahamstown, South Africa to go to school. In 2011 Ollie was part of the Row Zambezi Expedition. It was the first time anyone had rowed the 1,000km of the Upper Zambezi, starting from near its source on the Angolan/Zambian border and rowing to the Victoria Falls in Zambia. The expedition raised over £25,000 for Village Water.

While studying international relations and history at the London School of Economics, Ollie founded the LSE Ambassadors for Sport programme which aims to support and fund students at LSE who compete – or aspire to – at an international level in their sport. He was also entered into the LSE Mr University competition: “Lacking any identifiable talent, I dressed up as a woman and did the Call On Me dance routine – I somehow won.”

After the Rio Olympiad Ollie undertook a masters in Global History at the University of Oxford where he won an academic distinction alongside studying Arabic and training for the Boat Race. His ideal job is as a travel writer and, after the 2013 World Rowing Championships in Chungju, he travelled to North Korea. He describes it as “the most astonishing and surreal place I have been to but they were some of the most welcoming and interesting people I have ever met. I even saw someone in a single scull training on the Taedong River through Pyongyang!”



Sue Fontannaz

Dr Sue Fontannaz is a social entrepreneur, team leadership coach and research professional. She values applied theory and is focused on integrating best practice and theory across different fields, including leadership development, coaching and sport so that we can find better ways of working together to deal with complexity.

Born in South Africa, she is inspired by Nelson Mandela's mantra: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”. She founded media and publishing organisations which focused on using multimedia to support education transformation. Projects included collaborative multi-media to facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement, youth and teacher recognition campaigns to transform the role of teachers in South Africa and inspire youth to believe in the power of education to change their world. The lived experience of leading an entrepreneurial team in the dynamic media industry contributed to her understanding of the complexity of leadership and provided the motivation to study collaborative leadership.

She believes in lifelong learning and completed her MBA and MPhil (both cum laude) at the University of Stellenbosch Business School. She moved to Oxford in 2011 to further her studies and completed a professional doctorate at Oxford Brookes University. Her research focused on the role of coaching in supporting leadership development. Competing in the Clipper Round the World Ocean Sailing race in 2013/14 contributed to her interest in studying the dynamic nature of team leadership in challenging contexts. The experience also highlighted the value of drawing on sport to broaden our understanding of teamwork and well-being. She believes that sport plays a powerful role in mental well-being based on her experience of learning to row again after a spinal injury. She is a founding member of the City of Oxford Masters rowing squad. She has also recently established Oxford Team Leadership Coaching and partners with the rowing club to host team coaching experiences.



Henrietta Dayo-Somefun

Henrietta Dayo-Somefun is a Director within the Barclays Risk, Finance & Treasury CIO function. She currently heads Portfolio Management for the Enterprise Data Platforms and Data Management Technology teams, working with technology and functional stakeholders to shape, drive and govern the portfolio of change programmes. Henrietta joined Barclays in 2007 and has held a number of roles across Technology, Financial Control, Financial Crime, Risk and Change Management. Henrietta co-leads the Barclays COO Race At Work plan as well as the Risk, Finance & Treasury Inclusive Leadership and Career progression agendas, working on a number of initiatives to improve diversity, equity and inclusion in the work place.

Prior to joining Barclays, Henrietta worked at KPMG in the Information Technology Assurance Division, where she provided technology assurance and consulting services to clients within the Financial, Oil & Gas and Consumer Markets industry.

Henrietta holds a degree in Computer Science and is a Chartered Global Management Accountant. She is also a Certified Information System Auditor, PRINCE 2 Practitioner and a Forward Institute Fellow.

She is married with two very active teenage sons and is passionate about education as an enabler for emancipation and development. When not coaching her children and those of friends and family, she volunteers on educational and mentoring programmes.



Stephen Crookbain

Stephen Crookbain is a Senior Civil Servant in the UK Cabinet Office. He has held senior positions relating to national resilience and systems leadership, including a period as the UK Government's Director for Leadership. Prior to this, he was Director of the Defence Relationship Management (DRM) organisation, an arm's length body of the Ministry of Defence that provides the link to civilian employers on behalf of military veterans and reservists. The bulk of Stephen's career was spent in executive search, culminating as a Partner at Odgers Berndtson where he was Head of the UK Education Practice. Stephen was an Army officer for the first seven years of his career, leading soldiers on three operational tours and serving all over the world. He has degrees from Durham University and King's College London.



Jude Ower, MBE

Jude Ower, MBE is the founder and CEO of Playmob, a market insights platform gathering public sentiment, through games, on global and local issues, with the aim to help organisations achieve the SDGs by 2030. Amongst clients using the platform are Unilever, P&G, Commvault, ICAEW, ELC, TSB and the United Nations. Most notably Playmob delivered the world's largest poll ever on climate attitudes, for UNDP, which led to the creation of the People's Climate Vote report which provided 50 world leaders with clear data on what people of their nation want in the hope they would change policies to reduce carbon at a much quicker rate than currently committed to.

She is also the co-founder of the Playing for the Planet Alliance created with UN Environment to bring together the power of the games industry to make a positive impact on our environment. With 30+ members including Supercell, PlayStation, Xbox, Rovio, Unity and Ubisoft, and a reach of 1.4 billion monthly active users, the intention is to enable players to take green nudges in-game while becoming carbon neutral or carbon negative. Through the Alliance, a yearly Green Game Jam is hosted yearly over a three month period, to bring the companies together over common themes.

Jude is also an avid supporter of the entrepreneurial ecosystem and female founders. She is part of the Department of International Trade's (DIT) Global Entrepreneur Programme which mentors international founders coming to the UK and is also part of the DIT Female Founders group.



Kate Simpson

Dr Kate Simpson originally joined Wasafiri to set up and grow our Africa office (then in Rwanda) and has since moved into roles as Commercial Director, Managing Director and now Director of the Systemcraft Institute. As a consultant and Director of the Systemcraft Institute, Kate is focused on creating collective solutions to complex problems. She provides thought leadership and practice innovation on our 'Systemcraft' approach for generating change in complex adaptive systems. She brings an expertise in organisational and people development and has highly developed facilitation, coaching, and consultancy skills. Across her career, she has worked with clients from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors – including Swiss Re, Barclays, World Economic Forum, DFID, Sony, FAO and HelpAge International amongst others. Her career has encompassed international development, environmental management, academia and corporate organisational development. Through this work she has woven together a commitment to creating cross-sector collaborations for social change; she is an expert in asking “what if...” and helping clients to try new ways of doing and thinking. She holds a PhD in Social Geography from Newcastle University and is an accredited Executive Coach, ultra-runner, and occasional blogger.



Baroness Philippa Stroud

Baroness Philippa Stroud is CEO of the Legatum Institute. Previously, she was Chief Executive of the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), a think tank that she co-founded in 2004. Philippa's life and career to date have been strongly influenced by her passion to tackle poverty and social breakdown. Prior to the CSJ, she was Special Adviser the Rt. Hon. Iain Duncan Smith MP (then Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) from 2010-15, and also to the Prime Minister from 2012. In these roles, she was responsible for the development of the Social Justice agenda, working on the Government's key Welfare Reform programme, the introduction of Universal Credit, the creation of Social Investment and the new child poverty measures. Her early career was spent in the voluntary sector including spending time in Hong Kong and Macau working with heroin addicts and ex-members of triad gangs who were undergoing rehabilitation. On her return to the UK she founded and directed a four-stage project that supported people off the streets and into independent living before moving to Birmingham in 2000 where she became Executive Director of the Bridge Project, a voluntary sector project that provided supported accommodation for homeless men and women. Following the 2015 UK General Election, Philippa was ennobled and became Baroness Stroud of Fulham.



Professor Alexander Betts

Professor Alexander Betts is a Leopold Muller Professor of Forced Migration and International Affairs, the Director of the Refugee Economies Programme, William Golding Senior Fellow in Politics at Brasenose College, and Associate Head (Doctoral and Research Training) of the Social Science Division, at the University of Oxford. He served as Director of the Refugee Studies Centre between 2014 and 2017. His research focuses mainly on the political economy of refugee assistance, with a focus on Africa. He is co-author, with Paul Collier, of *Refuge: Transforming a Broken Refugee System* (Penguin Allen Lane and Oxford University Press, 2017), which was named by the Economist as one of the 'Best Books of 2017'. His other books include *Survival Migration: Failed Governance and the Crisis of Displacement* (Cornell University Press, 2013), *Protection by Persuasion: International Cooperation in the Refugee Regime* (Cornell University Press, 2009), *Mobilising the Diaspora: How Refugees Challenge Authoritarianism* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), *Global Migration Governance* (Oxford University Press, 2012), *Refugee Economies: Forced Displacement and Development* (Oxford University Press, 2016), and *Refugees in International Relations* (Oxford University Press, 2011).

He is a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, was named by Foreign Policy magazine in the top 100 global thinkers of 2016, and his TED talks have been viewed by over 3 million people. He has previously worked for UNHCR and has served as a Councillor on the World Refugee Council. His writings have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Guardian. He currently leads the IKEA Foundation-funded Refugee Economies Programme, which undertakes participatory research on the economic lives of refugees in Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia. He received his MPhil (with distinction) and DPhil from the University of Oxford.



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